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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT
(CSTD): THRID SESSION

1. RESOLUTION CONCERNING 1979 WORLD CONFERENCE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED WITHOUT
VOTE BY CSTD ON FEBRUARY 17. TEXT OF RESOLUTION (SEE
BELOW) REFLECTS SUBSTANTIALLY U.S. VIEWS ON CONFER-
ENCE'S OBJECTIVES, THE EMPHASIS ON ITS PREPARATORY PERIOD,
AND THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARIAT'S OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY.

QUOTE:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1897 (LVII) OF 1 AUGUST 1974
ON THE QUESTION OF CONVENING A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH, INTER ALIA, EMPHASIZED THE
NEED FOR A CONFERENCE AND RECOGNIZED THAT THE
NEW NEEDS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAKE IT
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IMPERATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL
CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ON THE
BASIS OF PRINCIPLES DESIGNED TO ADJUST THE SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG STATES IN A MANNER COM-

PATIBLE WITH THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

"RECALLING FURTHER THAT THE SAME RESOLUTION ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ORIENTED TOWARDS THE ELABORATION OF METHODS OF ACTION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONCRETE ACTION AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS,

"TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP (E/C.8/28),

"STRESSING THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR THE EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL WILL TO ENABLE ALL PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDED MEASURES,

"BEARING IN MIND THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1/ AND THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, 2/

"RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VLL), IN PARTICULAR PARAGRAPH 7 OF SECTION III THEREOF,

"CONSIDERING THAT A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION COULD BE MADE BY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE PROCESS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CONCERTED ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL,

"1. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT DECIDE AT ITS THIRTYFIRST SESSION TO CONVENE THE 'UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT' DURING 1979 IN TIME FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE ACTION AT ITS THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION;

"2. RECOMMENDS THAT THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE:

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(A) TO ADOPT CONCRETE DECISIONS ON WAYS AND MEANS OF APPLYING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ESTABLISHING A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AS A STRATEGY AIMED AT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A TIME FRAME;

(B) TO STRENGTHEN THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENABLE THEM TO APPLY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT;

(C) TO ADOPT EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR UTILIZATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POTENTIALS IN THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(D) TO PROVIDE INSTRUMENTS OF CO-OPERATION TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE UTILIZATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SOLVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT CANNOT BE SOLVED BY AN INDIVIDUAL ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES;

"3. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE WITHIN THE FOLLOWING FRAMEWORK:

I. AGENDA

1. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT:

(A) THE CHOICE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

(B) ELIMINATION OF OBSTACLES TO THE BETTER UTILIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND CAPABILITIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY FOR THEIR USE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

(C) METHODS OF INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(D) NEW SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT

2. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:
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(A) BUILDING UP AND EXPANDING INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON PROBLEMS OF IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

(C) MECHANISMS FOR EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES SIGNIFICANT TO DEVELOPMENT

(D) STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AMONG ALL COUNTRIES AND THE DESIGN OF CONCRETE NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

(E) PROMOTION OF CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ROLE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN SUCH CO-OPERATION

3. UTILIZATION OF THE EXISTING UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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ABOVE GOALS IN A CO-ORDINATED AND INTEGRATED MANNER

4. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE

DEBATE ON THE BASIS OF THE REPORT OF A PANEL OF EXPERTS
TO BE CONVENED ON THIS SUBJECT

II. PREPARATORY PERIOD

1. THE PREPARATORY PERIOD OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE AN
INTEGRATED AND FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT OF THE CONFERENCE
ITSELF, THROUGH PRELIMINARY NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSES
OF RELEVANT SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH CAN BE SOLVED WITH
THE HELP OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY;

2. THE DETAILED CONTENT OF THE AGENDA WILL BE DETERMINED BY
THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DEL-
IBERATIONS AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL
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LEVELS;

3. A LIMITED NUMBER OF SUBJECT AREAS WOULD BE SELECTED WITH
A VIEW TO PROVIDING IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR ANALYSIS AND
DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES LISTED IN THE AGENDA, ON THE BASIS
OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES, THROUGH THE PREPARATORY PROCESS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA. THE SUBJECT AREAS
SHOULD:

(A) BE FEW, WITH A MAXIMUM OF FIVE;

(B) BE DEFINED AS PROBLEM AREAS WITH SOCIO-ECONOMIC
IMPLICATIONS THAT CAN BE SOLVED BY UTILIZING SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY;

(C) REQUIRE AN INTEGRATED AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH
AND AN INTERAGENCY APPROACH;

(D) HAVE CLEAR RELEVANCE TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT IN ALL
COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SHOULD
EMERGE FROM NATIONAL PRIORITIES THROUGH REGIONAL CONSENSUS;

(E) BE CLEARLY DELINEATED AND LIMITED IN SCOPE.

THE PREPARATORY WORK SHOULD ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE DATA AND
PRACTICAL ANALYSES ARE MADE AVAILABLE BY A THOROUGH STUDY
BY MEMBER STATES.

"4. (A) REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FOR DEVELOPMENT TO ACT AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE
CONFERENCE OPEN TO THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED STATES
AND TO ORGANIZE ITS WORK IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY
OF ITS PREPARATORY ROLE BETWEEN SESSIONS;

(B) A SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD BE APPOINTED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME TO HEAD A SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE TO BE COMPOSED OF THE OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO REFLECT FULLY FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT, AND COMPETENT PERSONNEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION;
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IZATION AND THE OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

(C) APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE, BE PREPARED TO DEPUTE HIGH-LEVEL SPECIALISTS TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE, IN ORDER TO GIVE SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE AND TO CONSTITUTE LINKS BETWEEN THE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE;

(D) INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION TO PROMOTE, THROUGH IT SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CLOSE AND PERMANENT CONTACT WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE;

(E) FOR THE PREPARATORY WORK LEADING TO THE CONFERENCE, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT SHOULD ADVISE, ON REQUEST, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE AND, /THROUGH HIM,/ THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CONFERENCE, AND ASSIST AND COLLABORATE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN THE PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE AT THE REGIONAL LEVELS;

(F) (I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE, THE PREPARATORY PROCESS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL SHOULD TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE NECESSITY THAT, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONTENT OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE INTEGRATED WITH ITS SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTENT;

(II) THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNITS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE;

(G) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEV-

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ELOPMENT TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE
PREPARATORY WORK;

(H) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TO
SEEK THE CO-OPERATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH CONSULTATIVE STATUS
WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WHICH MAY BE IN A POSI-
TION TO CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE PREPARATION OF THE
CONFERENCE;

(I) INVITES GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE PRE-
PARATION OF THE CONFERENCE."

1/ GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI) OF
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